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Maybe he was drawing an elephonkey
The Progressive Party's Presidential candidate Vincent Hallinan puts pencil to paper and Hope Foye (r.), young singer, and two other interested spectators look on admiringly. Picture was taken at a Progressive Party rally in New York.
Photo by William Price

POLITICS

Korea haunts Demogops right up to the polls

PRESIDENT TRUMAN's request for suggestions on ending the Korean War had been answered only by the PP's Vincent Hallinan and the ALP's Vito Marcantonio; their suggestions (cease-fire now, talk out the POW situation later) were ignored by President and press.

With the Democrats in a box on the no. 1 popular issue, Gov. Stevenson's aides (**Wall St. Journal**, 10/20) were hoping the issue would "fade" if "the General can't come up with a new plan." Sen. Ives (R-N.Y.) stated clearly the bi-partisan agreement to leave the issue out of the campaign. He said (**NYT**, 9/25) it was

> . . . "repugant to me" that the issue of civil rights had been injected. . . . It was an issue like international affairs, that should be treated only from a bipartisan point of view.

On Thursday, with the issue still unfaded, Eisenhower found a way to hint at the war's end without promising it, tickling but not mobilizing the clear popular will for peace. In Detroit, he said he was resolved to

> ". . . forego the diversions of politics and to concentrate on the job of ending the Korean War—until that job is honorably done. . . . I shall go to Korea. . . . [The war] is a tragedy . . . a damning measure of the quality of leadership we have been given."

In that characterization he echoed popular sentiment but his prescription for peace was undecipherable to the average bewildered voter.

NEW "ISM": The campaign's general level, said the **NYT** on Sunday, had

> . . . declined sharply in recent weeks. . . . We are not sorry that there are only nine more days to go.

The hapless New Dealer Alger Hiss had become its touchstone. To the Republicans gloating over the kind words he once had for Hiss, Stevenson countered that he had enthusiastically cheered Hiss' sentencing while Eisenhower and Dulles had "demonstrated a continued personal faith" in him.

The Chicago **Tribune**, anti-Stevenson and bitter about Ike, exemplified the silliness of both camps with an editorial on "Adlai's Tolerance of Hissism."

HARLEM HECKLES: The campaigners moved into the northeast this week with visits to Harlem and Madison Sq. Garden (where, at no admission, they were to try to equal the ALP's turnout for Hallinan and Bass with seats priced 60c to $3.60.) When the general toured Harlem on Saturday the **NYT** reported:

> The procession was watched by sparse crowds who appeared to profess no interest in the candidate.

A crowd of 5,000 gathered in front of Harlem's Hotel Theresa to hear the general, Gov. Dewey, Gloria Swanson and John Roosevelt. Eisenhower was loudly booed as well as cheered, repeatedly heckled with: "What about FEPC?" (Stevenson's and Mrs. Bass' Harlem rallies came too late for this week's GUARDIAN.)

A FRIEND IN DIXIE: The Democratic Party, with fund-raising by CIO and AFL at a record low, pleaded for $5 contributions last week and was saved from TV cancellations by a substantial donation from Dixiecrat Sen. Russell of Georgia. The Republicans were operating on a budget roughly five times that of the Democrats.

The Democrats were cheered by the open withdrawal from the GOP of Oregon's Sen. Wayne Morse and his support of Stevenson. Liberals in greeting Morse passed over in silence an-

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Portland (Me.) Press Herald
Taking all the glory out of it.

WAR & PEACE

Korea No.1 on UN agenda; Acheson hides basic issues

WITH one side in the conflict again denied the right to present its case, UN's General Assembly opened its agenda with the Korean War. The vote in the 60-nation Political Committee to give Korea top precedence was unanimous; seven nations—Pakistan, India, Burma, Indonesia, Iran, Yemen, Afghanistan — supported the Soviet group's motion that the N. Koreans be invited to attend, eight abstained, 37 joined the U.S. in opposing the motion. Only Asian nations supporting the U.S. were Thailand and the Philippines.

In a 162-minute speech Secy. Acheson set forth the detailed U.S. case for its actions in Korea. Beginning with the 1943 Cairo Conference, and ending with the truce-talk deadlock, Acheson placed all blame on the U.S.S.R., the N. Korean government and China.

THE GREAT UNSPOKEN: The speech was notable for the key facts—well-known to most UN delegates, hidden from most Americans (but not from GUARDIAN readers)—which he omitted to mention. Some of these were:

- The broad base, popular character and social and economic accomplishments of the N. Korean government, in contrast with the corrupt, undemocratic Syngman Rhee government in S. Korea.
- The warlike statements of Rhee and his circle preceding the civil war.
- The role played by Dulles and MacArthur to promote Chiang Kai-shek and Rhee, which required a Korean war.
- The UN commission's admission in June, 1950, that it had no direct evidence as to who was the aggressor; the pre-war N. Korean attempt, with support of many S. Korean leaders, to elect a popular, unified Korean government; Rhee's jailing of N. Korean representatives sent to S. Korea to consult the UN commission.
- President Truman's ordering troops to Korea in advance of UN approval, and simultaneous order supporting Chiang in Formosa and the French in Indo-China without UN approval.
- The U.S. crossing of the 38th Parallel without previous UN approval; the march

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Sooner or later . . .

DES MOINES (FP)—The U.S. can have a Korea cease-fire in 10 days, followed by an honorable peace, former Iowa Atty. Gen. George Cosson said in a 3½-column letter to the **Des Moines Register.**

Cosson charged both big-party candidates with "shadow-boxing" on peace. He said the reason

> . . . no concrete proposals to end the war are presented by either is that both parties and candidates are the captive victims of Trumanism and McCarthyism, which is the natural result of Trumanism.
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> We must abandon the idea that capitalism and communism cannot co-exist in the same world. . . . They do now co-exist and neither is strong enough to destroy the other. . . . We can no longer assume our rights in Asia are greater than the rights of China and the Asians. . . . Sooner or later, if we are to preserve democracy at home and save the UN from disaster, we must grant democracy to others. . . .
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> It is amazing that the slaughter . . . has continued for months over such a simple question [as POW exchange]. . . . Our military commanders and our government believe it is better to return American boys dead to their mothers than to return enemy prisoners alive to their country. . . . What a shocking position for a civilized nation to adopt!

MR. ACHESON'S OUTPOST OF DEMOCRACY
This is a little Korean who owns neither parents, nor home, nor a stitch of clothing. Just the tin can which he uses to beg grains of rice during the day, the news service caption said. An early arrival at the Pusan railroad station, where 500 homeless and forgotten South Koreans flock every night for shelter, he was told he was taking up too much room, had to move to let others lie down.

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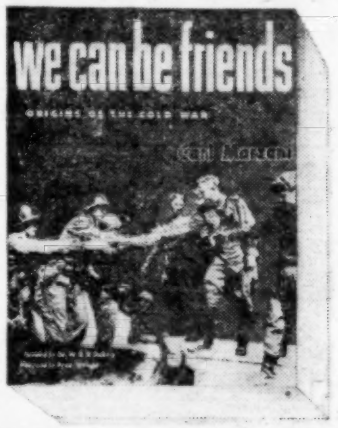

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THE MAIL BAG

For the Againsters

MILLERTON, N.Y.

I have a suggestion which may resolve the dilemma facing I. F. Stone and the N.Y. Compass.

The dilemma is this: Stone and his paper are against the war in Korea, the rearmament of Nazi Germany and Japan, the whole cold war, persecution of dissenters at home. They are also against Republicans who take the same position on these important issues as the Democrats do.

Unfortunately, there is no provision on ballots for voting AGAINST anything, except in the case of propositions. So I suggest that Stone and the Compass throw their crusading zeal, which is considerable, into a campaign for the revision of the standard ballot, dividing the Democratic column into two—one for people who wish to vote for Stevenson, one for those others who wish to vote against Eisenhower. Thus when the election results are announced, it will be apparent that I. F. Stone, for one, did not vote for the Korean war and the massacre of millions of people by Democrats; he voted AGAINST the Korean war and a similar massacre by Republicans.

If the Compass is unsuccessful in bringing about this long-overdue reform of the ballot, then I can only suggest that Stone and others who are thinking like him look on down the ballot to a column where it is possible to vote FOR peace and AGAINST war, whether administered by Republicans or Democrats. **R. Hosler**

H-m-m-m?

PAHOKEE, FLA.

How about this "guilt by association"—or Smith Act. If a Congressman has been proved to be a crook and sent to jail, should then all the rest of the Congressmen also be sent to jail? **R. E. Boe**

No monument to them

COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO

If today we may still boast of a higher standard of living—if the American workingman is still able to fight for a better civilization—don't thank those who directed the ship of state, but come with me to the graves of the pioneers of unionism. No marble shaft rears proudly above their humble resting place. No monument in stone or bronze tells of their mighty deeds. But under the green sod sleep hearts that once flamed for the cause of toil. Martyrs of labor, you have given more to American liberty and democracy than all the statesmen and churches and colleges of this land combined. You have fought for a greater cause than all the soldiers who ever bled on a battlefield. **Jared Manley**

Out of the red

OGDENSBURG, N. Y.

Just like you say—my address is in red—so here comes $2 to take me out of the red and help you do the same. Pleased to note wider circulation during campaign. The anti-peoples are going to regret present "silent treatment" of things that are good. **Al Kuchler**

How crazy can you get dept.

Out of the crudeness of war, something can come of spiritual beauty, that is, the spirit of clean living and clean speech, which go hand in hand.—Army chaplain Lisle Bartholomew.
—Ithaca, N.Y. Journal, Oct. 10.

One-year free sub to sender of each item printed under this heading. Winner: Mrs. L. K. Larson, Spencer, N.Y.

Moors on horses

HARTFORD, CONN.

When I was in the International Brigades in Spain, we could sometimes see across the trenches the Moors fighting with Franco playing a game with horses. They would ride head on and jump into the air and exchange horses as they passed each other. That is what Eisenhower and Stevenson are doing. They talk peace one day and war the next. It is because they have jumped from the Elephant to the Donkey in passing. **Donald Wiley**

Tommy betrayed?

PORTLAND, ORE.

I had a nephew named Tommy. He was sound of body and mind—intelligent and talented. More than that, he was kind and understanding. As young as he was, he visioned a better world for all humanity. Tommy joined the Marines in World War II and went in with the first wave at Guam. In a few seconds his life, which had been so promising, was snuffed out. He was nearing his 20th birthday when he fell.

What would he and thousands of other American boys who lost their lives in World War II think if they knew what was going on in the world today; that certain men in high places in the U.S. are joining hands with the fascists of various countries, and trying desperately to drum up a war hysteria?

Has Tommy been betrayed? I think so. **(Mrs.) Alida J. Michael**

Fyke Farmer's fight

LOUDON, TENN.

Progressives who want to read one of the most progressive trends of thought should send stamps to lawyer Fyke Farmer, Bellevue Dr., Nashville 5, Tenn., and ask him to explain his lawsuit against the Washington warmongers. Mr. Farmer has refused to pay income tax on the ground that over 75% of it will be used to start a war. And he has it figured out that even under our laws, anyone is a criminal who aids and abets the starting of a war. **Mildred Upchurch**

Ticks in Wyoming

HAVERHILL, MASS.

The letter from Boise, Ida., about encephalitis epidemic interested me. An article appeared some years ago (in the Sat. Eve. Post, I think) about the quarrels between a laboratory in Wyoming which breeds ticks, and the inhabitants of the town where the laboratory is situated.

The account ran like this: The laboratory was breeding ticks in glass panels set into the walls, and they were coating them with disease germs for experimental purposes. The ticks escaped from the building and the people of that town were infected with fevers.

The townspeople demanded the removal of the lab. One day, the people came armed with sticks and stones to drive the scientists from the building. The scientists in the building called for help and the militia came.

It is my belief that the ticks were coated with cholera germs. I wish it were possible to expose that lab in Wyoming. **Mina I. Lewis**

Undistorted facts

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

I wish to protest the distorted picture of Eisenhower on page 1 of the Oct. 9 issue. This is a practice of the big dailies and should not be used by you. The facts will show Eisenhower to be deficient. Presenting the facts in a calm, unbiased manner will win more converts than distorted pictures.
Michael Kusnick

Wall St. Journal

They ought to know

ZEBALLOS, B. C.

After listening to the two old-line parties berate each other one would assume they were both something that had crawled out of the woodwork. They should know each other! The people should listen and they would not be fooled again.

The letters on page 2 are like a hand-shake from friends who are willing to do something about a peaceful future. **J. Donaldson**

Rumors of war

CEMENT, OKLA.

Don't let the warmongers get a bang out of making people believe that war is inevitable! How could man be made in the image of God and be such a fool! Wars and rumors of wars, the good book says, and the poor dopes made in God's image, except for their lack of brain, say we have to have war because "the Bible says so." The Bible says "wars and rumors of war" and that there will be war—against disease, corruption, wrong, hate, greed, graft, erosion, drought, famine. It is the war profiteers that would have us believe we must kill our fellow-man even if the Bible does say "Thou shalt not kill."
Rena Simmons

Light on McCarthy

SUPERIOR, WIS.

The increasing reluctance of Wisconsin farmers to provide cannon fodder for our war machine was evidenced recently by the near-100% support given to a Rice Lake farmer who circulated a petition against the draft of farm youth. This petition was signed by 100 of the 101 farmers approached.

It is much easier to understand McCarthy's victory in the primary if you take the above-mentioned fact into consideration. People are exceedingly tired of the war—considered Truman's war by many. This farmer apparently felt that it was hopeless to petition the President or Secretary of State—for he sent his petition to the other danger, Joseph McCarthy. **Alex Kurki**

Marzani a must

BROOKLYN, N.Y.

I've just finished reading Carl Marzani's We Can Be Friends, which I received through the Liberty Book Club. It's an absolute must for every progressive person to read and pass on to friends. **B. Esecover**

"A Time for Greatness"

BROOKLYN, N.Y.

So much of the Quaker film A Time for Greatness (GUARDIAN, Oct. 9) is excellent that sincere peace-lovers may understandably hesitate to criticize it. Yet the narrator speaks in hackneyed State Dept. vernacular of "Soviet aggression" as if it were a fact to be accepted without proof, and of the need to prevent the anti-colonial Asian masses from being deceived by "false Communist promises."

That it not only fails to cut through the miasmic mog of falsehoods about the Soviet Union, but by plain implication confirms them, cannot but be regarded as seriously detracting from the usefulness of an otherwise admirable film. I am a birthright member of the Society of Friends myself, but with certain reservations. **Ellwood Griest**

Not too gratifying

CHARLOTTE, N.C.

How elated are young Americans over the prospect of future opportunities to koreanize our neighbors in other lands? Not very, it would seem from "Afraid to Fly" in the Sept. 9 Look, which tells of the "growing reluctance among top-flight American youth to volunteer for military flying." A Lt. Col. Alden, Air Force psychiatrist, suggests that "the gratifications, the rewards of being a jet pilot" be increased to make it more "romantic." Alarmed Air Force personnel procurement chief Col. B. W. Armstrong tells of plans to "get 'em while they're young" through recruiting of "Air Explorers of 14 years, Boy Scouts of 11 years, and the model-building, air-base-visiting Cub Scouts of eight years of age."

The article is illustrated with a strip photo of a jet fighter crashing and exploding on a test in California; Air Force Dept. Training Director Col. Dany is quoted as saying that, whereas in 1934 a man's life expectancy was nine years less if he flew, today "this estimate has jumped to 12-14 years less."

Oh death, where is thy gratification? **A Reader**

Heroism punished

PALO ALTO, CALIF.

One of the many contradictory and puzzling situations of our times is that people are being legally punished for self-sacrificing and even heroic acts, such as accepting prison terms rather than hurting others.

It is not only the Christian religion but all ethical thinking through the centuries that has held unselfishness to be a virtue; that has accustomed us to admire, as noble and inspiring, men and women who choose suffering for themselves to save others.

I am thinking of those who refuse to be informers—who go to jail rather than answer questions that will mean loss of jobs and perhaps loss of liberty for their friends or for strangers. More specifically I am thinking of Oleta O'Connor Yates.

Are we all to keep silent about these things because we are afraid to speak for a Communist? The new order of "guilt by association" has made many accept this topsy-turvy world without a protest. Sins of omission can be as serious as sins of commission.
Valeda J. Bryant

William E. Dodd Jr.

A distinguished member of a distniguished "prematurely anti-Fascist" American family died in San Francisco Oct. 18, at the age of 47. William E. Dodd Jr. studied for his Ph.D. at Berlin University while his father was U.S. ambassador there 1933-36; later, as co-editor with his sister Martha Dodd Stern of Ambassador Dodd's Diary, he helped give America one of its first realistic and widely-read insights into the budding Hitler regime.

Continuing the fight against reaction at home, he ran for Congress in 1938 against Rep. Howard Smith (D-Va.), author of the Smith Act. During World War II, after Rep. Martin Dies had demanded that he be fired as a "premature anti-Fascist", from a Federal Communications Committee post, Dodd was the storm-center of a famous legal case: Congress adopted, but the U.S. Supreme Court finally threw out as an unconstitutional "bill of attainder," a rider to an appropriations bill calling for Dodd's dismissal. Until recently he was asst. editor of the Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union paper The Dispatcher.

Progressives deeply mourn Dodd, who was not only "premature," but consistently militant to the end, in his fight against fascism.

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Acheson hides basic issues on Korea

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to the Chinese border despite China's warnings through Indian representatives in China and in UN.

- Washington's rude brush-off to Asian UN representatives when they tried to mediate the war.
- Washington's shifting of position and juggling of figures with regard to the POW exchange issue.
- The still-continuing violent events in Koje Island prison camps; the suppressed Intl. Red Cross report on its Koje investigation, which contradicted the U.S. version of these events; the still-continuing violations of the truce zone and of Chinese territory.

HONDURAS SPEAKS: Acheson again flatly denied U.S. use of germ-warfare in Korea, ignoring on-the-spot reports to the contrary by international scientists including top British scientist Joseph Needham. Citing several Soviet treaties in the early '20's regarding voluntary repatriation of POW's, he did not mention that these were bi-lateral treaties freely accepted by both sides, later superseded by the 1949 Geneva Convention signed by all major powers.

Acheson asked Assembly approval of a virtual ultimatum to N. Korea and China to "agree to an armistice" on the basis of U.S. terms for POW repatriation. Intense U.S. solicitation had produced only 20 co-sponsors of the resolution, including such nations as Honduras, Luxembourg, Nicaragua (3 UN votes—total popn. less than ⅓ of New York City) and—again the only Asians—Thailand and the Philippines.

On Saturday the seating of Chiang's Formosa delegate to represent the half-billion people of China was again approved. In a series of votes on aspects of this issue, Sweden and Burma voted in all three with the Soviet group against the majority; in one they were joined by India and Israel. Twenty nations including Britain abstained on the vote to approve the Chiang delegate's credentials.

MORE FORCE NEEDED: In Korea U.S. casualties rose to their highest since July. While Republican candidates and press made all possible political

SYNGMAN RHEE
He didn't like Ike's line

capital out of this, Eisenhower's "let Asians fight Asians" drew instant protests from Rhee, Gen. Van Fleet and U.S. Deputy Defense Secy. William Foster. Rhee "firmly insisted . . . that the S. Korean army was not yet strong enough" (**N.Y. Times,** 10/21); Van Fleet said they "never would be strong enough" to fight alone (**UP** 10/23). Navy Secy. Kimball said more armed forces of all kinds would be needed to "force a decision in Korea" (**AP,** 10/21).

There was much talk in UN circles that the U.S., if it failed to get an armistice on its own terms, would ask

PEARL HARBOR WAS DEC. 7, 1941
Members of the 110,000-strong Japanese Natl. Safety Corps, nucleus of the new Japanese army, stand at alert at a Tokyo review. Note U.S.-type uniforms.

for economic blockade of China by UN members; but Premier Nehru told the N.Y. **Herald Tribune's** Marguerite Higgins in New Delhi (10/24) that India would "probably dissociate itself" from such a move. Nehru again suggested U.S. recognition of Peking as a step toward ending the cold war. He categorically denied reports of Chinese pressure on India's northern borders.

Tunisia gets the floor

UNDER pressure of Asian nations the U.S. reversed itself and agreed to UN discussion of the unrest and violence in France's N. African territories, Tunisia and Morocco—placed second and third on the agenda. France, professing to have had assurances that the U.S. would support postponement of the discussion, hastily sent delegate Henri Hoppenot to see Acheson. The **NYT** (10/24) said the U.S. agreed to oppose any UN resolution stronger than a recommendation that the French and Tunisians continue negotiations.

While Tunisian nationalists prepared to document their case before UN, and French delegates to "adopt an absolutely intransigent position in New York," a "reliable source" in Tunisia told the neutralist Paris **Observateur** (10/9) that

> . . . the Tunisian police are surpassing themselves in the art of extracting spontaneous confessions. . . . In the headquarters near Belvedere Park in Tunis . . . arrested men have been undressed, legs and arms bound, immobilized by a broom handle passed behind their knees and in front of their forearms—a method perfected by the Gestapo (we speak of what we know)—and beaten to exhaustion. Others have been hung by their arms from a ladder and beaten with a lash. Nor have the torturers omitted the classical ordeal of water poured into the stomach through a rubber tube. . . . The victims have been forced by these methods to sign statements in advance [of trial]—naturally without giving them a translation. . . .

AURIOL IS BITTER: With its military situation against the liberation forces darkening in Indo-China, France was exerting all the pressure it could for more U.S. arms and dollars through public criticism of Washington. President Auriol pointedly directed his remarks at U.S. Ambassador Dunn, who was present, when in opening a new hydro-electric plant he said (**NYT,** 10/26) the French were

> . . . "deeply offended" to be cited before UN as "'oppressors of men' in N. Africa, [and] victims of injustice also because their sacrifices in the defense of Indo-China seemed to be forgotten. . . . To remedy this injustice, M. Auriol urged a fairer sharing of the defense burdens.

Speaking of the preferential treatment of Germany, Auriol said bitterly:

> "It is as if . . . the aggressor merited more encouragement than the victim."

"THEY UNDERSTAND": The day after Auriol spoke, 5,000 former members of Hitler's Elite Guard met in Verden, W. Germany, at a meeting called by SS generals, and "clamorously applauded" (**NYT,** 10/27) an indictment of Americans who bombed Germany in World War II as the real "war criminals." (The **NYT** reported: "Government officials are extremely upset.") Meanwhile strikes and protests broke out in cities all over Italy following British release of former Nazi Field Marshal Kesselring, who had been sentenced to death for the massacre of 335 Italian hostages in 1944 and inciting atrocities against partisans. In Bonn, W. German Chancellor Adenauer explained (**NYT** 10/23) why 66% of his senior Foreign Office officials are former Nazis:

> "They understand the principles of politics . . . can get along with foreigners."

Want self-rule; get jail

IN Britain's E. African colony, Kenya, troops flown from Suez and rushed by cruiser, aided by police dogs, hunted down and arrested hundreds of Kenyans, including editors, tribesmen and London-educated Jomo Kenyata, leader of the Kenyan African Union, which demands self-government. Activities of the Mau Mau terrorist society, organized by despairing tribesmen robbed by white settlers of their land, were given world publicity as a justification. The government took the opportunity to crack down on the strong nationalist KAU, which has no known connection with Mau Mau and (**NYT,** 10/22)

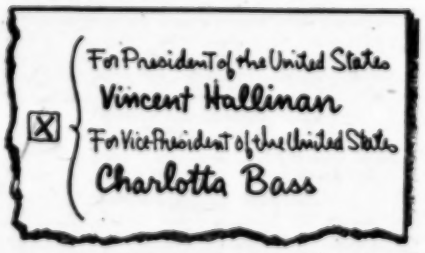
> . . . has sought through democratic methods to gain various benefits for its people.

In UN's Trusteeship Committee, Poland's Josef Winiewicz condemned the "repressive police methods" in Kenya which

> . . . has been for the last 50 years the scene of the most shameful acts of land-grabbing.

BEVAN CHIDED: Britain's Tory government won approval by 303 to 269 of its White Paper on denationalizing the iron and steel industry (no formal bill has yet been presented), Labour's Herbert Morrison said his party would renationalize when it returned to power. Within the Parliamentary Labour Party the Attlee group won a majority vote for its demand that the rebellious "Bevanites" stop holding independent caucuses; there were 51 votes for Bevan against 188 for Attlee, but nearly 50 members stayed away or sat on the fence when the roll was called.

British "irritation" against the presence of "only about 60,000" U.S. troops stationed there showed "no sign of letting up" (N.Y. **World Telegram,** 10/20). It flared up in Manchester at the weekend (**Reuters,** 10/26) in a pitched battle against USAF men from Burtonwood air base; two U.S. airmen were beaten up in a bar, and two more were seriously injured and hospitalized after an affray with Britons wielding broken bottles and razors. On Sunday leave for 4,500 Americans at the base were canceled, Manchester police patrols strengthened.



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THAT'S an unashamed tear you're seeing in our eye this week: we've been reading the notes accompanying the contributions after our page one appeal of a few weeks ago. The letters are full of hope and courage—not only for the paper, but for the future for all of us.

Take a look at the postmarks alone: Spring Hill, Kans., Hastings, Mich., New York ("I'm out of work, but always glad to share a dollar with the GUARDIAN"), Billings, Mont. ("I'm 80, stone deaf, one eye, doing the work of two men; here's $3"), Dumont N.J., Austin, Tex., Apollo, Pa. (". . . to hold off the sheriff a bit . . ."), Ashtabula, O. ("We're living on a pension but scraped this $20 off the bottom of the barrel . . ."), Astoria, Ore., Fairburn, S. Dakota (". . . for the present a widow's mite . . . $4 . . ."), Brooklyn ($5 . . . "from a group of women in Jewish community work . . .").

And dozens and dozens more like these. Thanks to you all. We can't lose with your kind.

OUR HOLIDAY CARDS (see p. 7) this year are the best ever. The staff made a bargain-counter rush for orders when the proofs came in. That's as good a recommendation as the hash house owner who eats his own hash. . . . The advertising dept. got this letter from Helen Leonard of City Slicker Farm, upstate New York: "Had a wonderful summer; packed all the time—thanks to the GUARDIAN." . . . If you've got something to sell, remember: GUARDIAN readers trust their paper. . . . Research dept. reports that the biggest request these days is for factual information on U.S. concentration camps. People want the facts to show unbelieving friends.

BIG FORK, MONT., has a novel way of raising funds: wood-cutting bees. Writes Fay McDonnell:

> "The stumpage is donated. We have cats donated to pull down the trees out to cut and a truck to haul the wood to market. The women of course provide a delicious potluck dinner. We find by getting together on such projects a close, friendly feeling is created among the people. We raised $100 on the second such project to help the fight for two Progressive candidates running for state legislature."

LANSING, MICH., readers' club held a picnic. It poured, but the morale was high and the result was renewal of all subs in the area for at least three months. . . . From Corvallis, Ore., comes $25 from the Linn-Benton County Progressives, the result of a fine party there—square dancing, entertainment, raffles, good eats—and Vivian and Butch Hallinan. The GUARDIAN was the "other honored guest." Grand prize went to the biggest sub-getter: a fellow with 28.

THERE IS A MAN who calls himself "Howard A. Frost" somewhere in Connecticut who has been sending us $5 or $6 a week for years. Along with the welcome cash come names of libraries, universities, union locals, individuals to get the paper. We've tried to thank him by mail, but the letters always come back. Here is a "thank you" to the warm-hearted "Mr. Frost" in a season when the frost is on the pumpkin. . . . And for an election tagline: Frances D. Manning of Burbank, Calif., sends out little cards with her mail reading:

> Republicans say Democrats are crooks. Democrats say Republicans are crooks. In this both speak Truth. So vote for the Independent Progressive Party.

People seem to like it, she says. For inventiveness it's hard to beat our California readers.

FREEDOMS

Lie acts against 12 tagged by McCarran

UN Secy. Gen. Trygve Lie last week gave in to Sen. Pat McCarran's arm-twisting, announced punitive action against 12 American UN employes who had claimed the protection of the Fifth Amendment when questioned by McCarran's investigating committee. The committee followed up this victory with new eve-of-election fireworks: it produced Whittaker Chambers to testify that David Zablodowsky, a $14,000-a-year UN dept. head, had been a part of Chambers' well-publicized "Soviet undergound" in the U.S. in the mid-Thirties. Chambers admitted that he does not know David Weintraub, UN director of Economic Stability and Development, but tried to implicate him in the "underground" by testifying to his belief that Weintraub was a David Weinstone introduced to him in 1936 by a top Communist "boss." The question and answer on this point:

"Do you have any reason to believe that David Weinstone was David Weintraub?"
"Yes, there was a sister named Rose."

On Friday Zablodowsky took the stand, denied he had ever been a Communist, but said he agreed in the mid-Thirties to help Chambers in an anti-Nazi "underground" because he was "terribly excited" about Hitler. His sole mission, he said, was to deliver an envelope; under questioning he said he didn't know what was in it.

BEHIND THE MOVE: The committee's major aim was obvious: to establish a link between past and present U.S. officials and UN employes now being labeled subversive (many of them former New Dealers in government employ); and to use such links, if established, for new election campaign smears. Committeeman Sen. Herbert R. O'Conor (D-Md.) on Oct. 15 charged that U.S. citizens employed by UN are participating in "a full-scale operation" of "subversive activities directed against the security of this nation." Two days later he publicly accused Secy. Acheson of stalling on bringing about their dismissal.

Of the 12 punished by Lie, one was dismissed, one suspended, and ten placed on compulsory leave pending "further consideration." A spokesman for Lie said he was

". . . very much concerned that any American official of the UN declined to answer questions concerning matters outside their official UN duties."

But it was also announced that Lie is assembling a panel of "eminent jurists" to advise him on the rights and obligations of UN employes subjected to governmental inquiries, and on what the UN should do about those declared disloyal by their own governments.

NOT ENOUGH: Lie's actions were unacceptable to committee-member Sen. James O. Eastland (D-Miss.), who issued an angry statement that

". . . no international body will be permitted to deprive or circumvent the U.S. government in the control of its own citizens.

He wanted all 12 to be fired out of hand, said the UN inquiry had uncovered the "greatest concentration" of communists to date. Lie expressed "shock" at the "unbridled" attack, but added:

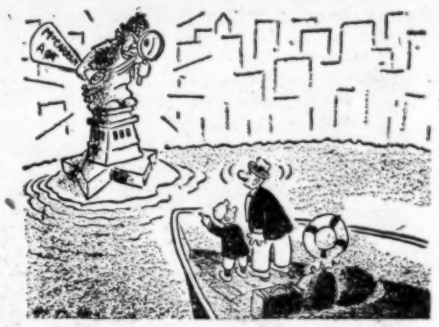
". . . I do not want in the secretariat even one American who is disloyal to his country."

"DIRTY POLITICS": The decision of a two-member panel of McCarran's Subversive Activities Control Board that the Communist Party in this country is foreign-dominated and must register as an agent under the McCarran Act was also called an effort to influence the coming elections. Attorneys who represented the CP at the long hearings—Vito Marcantonio, John J. Abt and Joseph Forer—described the announcement of the decision just two weeks before election day as "dirty politics" and said:

We stated at the very outset of this proceeding that the verdict against the Communist Party was written into the Act itself, so that a fair hearing was impossible. Moreover, as we repeatedly charged, the panel acted under the close monitoring of Sen. McCarran himself, so that an unbiased decision could not be obtained. . . .

These findings should alert all those who believe that the Bill of Rights is more important than political advantage for any Presidential candidate. . . . Unless this decision is reversed, it will inevitably lead to the repression of all political expression which opposes the administration in power. This is a time for all people who believe in democracy to join forces to wipe this unlawful law from the statute books. . . .

The panel's decision must now be affirmed by the full board; the defense attorneys have announced they will appeal an adverse ruling all the way to the Supreme Court.



The Arkansas Democrat
"Is that the famous Statue of Liberty, Daddy?"

TOO REMINISCENT: Meanwhile the Natl. Committee to Repeal the McCarran Act (Room 204, 2 Stone St., New York 4) made public an open letter to the Democratic and Republican Presidential candidates asking them to take a public stand on the McCarran Act. Signed by a group of 24 distinguished educators, clergymen and leaders in other professions, the letter said:

The McCarran Act is responsible for the intolerable situation in which government agencies, in a manner all too reminiscent of Nazi Germany, are already preparing concentration camps, are holding thought control hearings, are denying passports to citizens, and are deporting and refusing admission to aliens.

HORSEPLAY: Atty. Gen. McGranery made his own bid for eve-of-election attention on the red-hunting front. Declaring that he is "pushing a program of deeds, not words," McGranery announced a new three-pronged move:

- He has ordered a physical examination of William Z. Foster, 71, chairman of the CP, to determine if he can now be brought to trial under the Smith Act. Indicted in 1948 with 11 other top leaders, Foster was excused then because of extreme ill health.
- He ordered eight New Yorkers, free on bail under deportation proceedings, to surrender at once for detention without bail.
- He ordered denaturalization and deportation proceedings against ten of 85 persons indicted or convicted under the Smith Act; three of them are already serving federal prison sentences.

Drawing by Dyad

"Listen, Alfie . . . once upon a time there was a Left-Wing Liberal who gotta visa."

FRAMEUP AT HARVESTER?

Behind the Harold Ward case

By Elmer Bendiner

SIXTY-SIX years ago workers of the McCormick Reaper plant in Chicago were shot down for fighting for an 8-hour day; the murder frameup of the Haymarket martyrs that followed—and the company responsible—became a symbol and legend in U.S. labor history. Today an outstanding Negro unionist and peace leader in the plant of Intl. Harvester, McCormick's parent company, stands charged with murder in the middle of a bitterly-fought strike in Chicago. The case against Harold Ward—which in other times would have stirred unions left, right and center to active defense—could become the test of labor's capacity to fight back in 1952.

Intl. Harvester has never yielded a cent raise without a fight. Dominating its field (in many cases monopolizing it) from Argentina to Holland to S. Africa, the company has been cited by the LaFollette Comm. for using labor spies, by the Justice Dept. for violating anti-trust laws, by the Kilgore Comm. for close working arrangements with Germany under Hitler. Overseas IH pays 25c an hour; at home it has seen wages go slowly up from 40c in 1941, when a company union represented the workers, to $1.52 an hour under contracts with the Farm Equipment Workers, part of the United Electrical Workers. Behind that boost lay strikes in 1946, 1948, 1949, 1950.

ENTER WITCHES: Last June when the contract expired IH refused to discuss FE-UE's 15c wage-raise demand, insisted instead on cuts. (Profits last year: $86 million.) The union extended the contract 60 days; 24 hours before the extension expired, IH mailed out down-grading notices to hundreds. This constituted a wage cut, making a strike inevitable.

The machinery had obviously been prepared to smash FE-UE. As the strike broke, union leaders were summoned before the House Un-American Activities Committee. Full-page company ads appeared in all the papers. Injunctions were issued limiting pickets. Police swarmed at plant gates (at one gate five paddy-wagons were counted at one time). Now pending are trials of 200 picketers.

IH pres. John L. McCaffrey announced he would personally command the back-to-work movement, organized foremen into "missionaries" to visit strikers, persuade them to return to their jobs. The newspapers played the story as if the union was going berserk, bent on mayhem.

HAROLD WARD
Haymarket all over again?

MURDERER SOUGHT . . . : Harold Ward, molder in the foundry, financial secy. of Local 108 FE-UE, had long been a target of company, police and inquisitors. He led not only the Negro workers in his shop but whites as well. In 1950 the union's Dist. 11 sent him to the Peace Congress in Warsaw.

Since then the company has tried to fire him. Every time there is a picket line or a demonstration Ward is arrested—even if, as in one case, he was leaning up against a wall when seized. Early in the strike non-striker Watson Wright went to a hospital, allegedly hit with a baseball bat. Police brought Ward to him; Wright identified him as the assailant. Ward is now under indictment for assault.

On Oct. 3 another non-striker, Wm. M. Foster, was found dead in a street near his home, 5 miles from the factory. Chicago newspapers in banner headlines and editorials hinted plainly at union responsibility. Police and press said 35 union leaders were being sought by the Homicide Dept., though most of them were easily to be found picketing or on a union TV broadcast.

. . . AND "FOUND": IH announced a $10,000 reward for information leading to the assailant's arrest. Police picked up three workers, released them for lack of evidence, then circulated a description which seemed to point unmistakably to Ward. On Oct. 9, while newspapers excitedly reported that Ward was being tracked down by police, Ward and UE atty. Irving Meyers walked into police headquarters demanding that police act or silence the reports.

A janitor, said to have witnessed the crime, failed to identify Ward; but police suddenly announced a "mystery witness" who could identify him and Ward was held. At first the "mystery witness" reportedly described Ward's coming face-to-face with Foster (whom he knew and worked with) before murdering him. Later the press changed the story so that the witness described Ward's coming up from behind, slugging Foster twice on the head and twice more on the body after he fell.

A Grand Jury last week returned a true bill against Ward for murder.

ANOTHER HAYMARKET? Ward's fellow-strikers (their lines still solid) met last week. FE-UE Locals 107, 108, 101 issued this statement:

The whole thing reeks of frame-up. The contradictory reports in the press, the hysterical newspapers, the company's $10,000 reward, the widespread police intimidation of Local 108 officers and members, all point in the direction of a new Haymarket frameup of a militant and outstanding union leader. We will not permit Ward to become a northern Willie McGee.

Court getting 2nd Rosenberg petition

AS ATTORNEY Emanuel Bloch prepared to present a second petition to the U.S. Supreme Court for a review of the conviction and death sentence of Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, ever-widening support was coming in from all over the world.

Bloch was to present his argument Oct. 28. The same day an amicus curiae brief, signed by 50,000 Americans, including persons prominent in every field, was to be given to the court by Joseph I. Brainin, chairman of the Natl. Comm. to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case, and Rev. Amos Murphy of Boston.

In New York thousands were expected at a mass rally Oct. 29 in Union Sq. A meeting in a Central Plaza hall holding 900 in the lower East Side (Oct. 23) overflowed into another hall nearly as large. By 10 p.m. the second hall had overflowed. At the meeting Dr. W. E. B. DuBois said:

"The significance of the Rosenberg case reaches beyond the fate of two individuals, tragic as that may be. It becomes a part of the great peace crusade. In the midst of war and fear of war we do unbelievable things, we rush to lying, slander and hate because we fear what war will do to us and ours.

"This is the reason why here in a nation born in peace and justice, we are almost without protest committing crimes against humanity, against elementary civil rights, against every ideal of democracy. The public opinion which crucifies a father and mother in the prime of life is based on the abject fear of disaster to the whole nation. But fear is not fact, and ignorantly to commit an unforgivable crime in the name of a greater crime is no excuse."

The Rosenberg committee urged continued action:

1. Wires and letters to President Truman asking him to act to save the Rosenbergs.
2. Requests to friends and shopmates to do the same.
3. Requests to unions, churches, synagogues, auxiliaries and social clubs to write or wire the White House.
4. Contributions to the committee, 1050 6th Av., New York 18, N.Y.

PROSECUTOR VOLPE HAS A HARD DAY

Trenton Two ask court to reverse their conviction

By William A. Reuben
GUARDIAN special correspondent

TRENTON, N. J.

FOR two Negro Americans who have been in jail almost five years—including 11 months in the death house—for a crime they could not possibly have committed, and whose persecution has shocked the world since NATIONAL GUARDIAN began exposing it in its second (10/25/48) issue, the wheels of Jersey justice ground into action again last week.

In June, 1949, the N. J. Supreme Court ordered a new trial for the "Trenton Six" sentenced to death for the murder of junk-dealer William Horner; in the second trial ending June, 1951, four were acquitted—including the two whom the state accused of the actual murder—and two, Collis English and Ralph Cooper, got life terms. Last week the seven Supreme Court justices, two of them newly-appointed, met in the same spacious chamber overlooking the Delaware River to hear a defense appeal for reversal of the English and Cooper convictions.

The courtroom—crowded to the doors last time—was half empty as the hearings began. Sitting alone on one side were two familiar figures: Emma English, mother of Collis, and his sister Bessie Mitchell whose single-handed efforts brought the case to prominence. Representing the two "defendants-appellants" (the acquitted Four were oddly listed in the brief as "defendants") were veteran civil liberties lawyer Arthur Garfield Hays, retained by the Princeton Comm. to Save the Trenton Two; former Trenton judge George Pellettieri, who carried the brunt of the defense in the second trial; and J. Mercer Burrell. Representing the state: Mario H. Volpe, Mercer County prosecutor who had staked his ambition on sending the Six to the electric chair.

TRIAL BY "CONFESSION": Hays told the court he had sought in vain any other case where all the evidence, as here, was in "confessions"—three of which were thrown out in the second trial. He noted that all descriptions of the killers bore no resemblance to the defendants, stressed the time-lag between the murder and the arrests. "All the facts negative the guilt of the two defendants," he said; and of the second trial jury's finding:

"This obviously was a compromise verdict. . . . These men are not criminals, they are victims [in a case] that has overwhelmed the hearts of millions."

Pellettieri, in a 14-point argument, stressed the trial court's errors in letting the "confessions" be admitted in evidence; in refusing to let the defense present evidence showing the community hysteria at the time of the crime;

COLLIS ENGLISH
How much longer?

in restricting cross-examination and refusing to direct an acquittal verdict because of lack of legal evidence. He hammered at the absurdity of a verdict which acquitted the two accused of the murder and convicted two "accomplices."

EYE TROUBLE: Then Volpe—the nattily-dressed, silk-shirted, suede-shoed prosecutor responsible for English and Cooper spending five years in prison—spoke. Countering defense insistence that only the "confessions" supported the convictions, he quoted the testimony of the dead man's common-law wife, Elizabeth McGuire, that she would "remember these men till her dying day."

Why then, asked a justice, had she failed to identify the defendants at the police station 11 days after the crime? She wanted to be absolutely sure, Volpe said; besides, her eyes still bothered her from the beating she sustained the murder night. And there was a smoked-glass window separating her from the defendants. The same justice said:

"If she was not sure then, how could she be sure thereafter?"

VOLPE: "She would have made the identification at the time if she had met the defendants face to face."

TWO LANGUAGES: Sounding confused, the justice asked what about her puffed eyes and the smoked glass; yes, Volpe agreed, those were "other reasons" why she could not make the identification. Perhaps, said another justice, the identification had been hurried? Yes, Volpe said, there was that too.

Justice Harry Heher (he wrote the opinion reversing the original conviction as "tainted with error") was troubled about the smoked glass. He asked:

"Isn't it used as an aid to dentification—normally?"

VOLPE: "Yes, sir."

More exchange brought out that Mrs. Horner was discharged from the hospital after two days—over a week before the attempted identification. The Chief Justice grew impatient, urged Volpe on, saying:

"You're not talking the same language, gentlemen."

Volpe went on to describe how Mrs. Horner identified the defendants at the trial although she

". . . had never seen them except at the police station."

ANOTHER JUSTICE: "Wasn't it true that she had been shown photographs of them all beforehand?"

VOLPE: "Yes, but they weren't frontal views."

SODA POP: Volpe gave the state's corroborating evidence to the "confessions": police testimony that Cooper and English had re-enacted the crime; a neighborhood soda-shop proprietress' testimony that "two colored men" bought pop the morning of the crime; evidence that pop bottles were the murder weapons.

The state charged robbery was the motive. If that were so, a justice asked,

". . . how do you account for so much money [$1,642 in Horner's pocket] being left?"

VOLPE: "Poor execution."

Asked about the five days the defendants were held before being charged, Volpe opined it was "not an unreasonable length of time" when so much "extraneous investigation" was necessary. He admitted that during that time Cooper's and English's alibis had not even been checked.

BOTTLES IN SOCKS: Volpe then brought up the third soda bottle (not introduced till the second trial and proved to have been in a warehouse at the time of the crime). This linked Cooper to the crime, Volpe said. How? asked a justice. Cooper's statement mentioned a bottle in a sock, Volpe said, holding up a bottle in a sock. But didn't the statement say that Horace Wilson (freed) held the bottle? Volpe went on to the next point, but was brought back sharply; he admitted there was nothing more direct to link Cooper to the crime. Then came this on the bottle in the sock:

JUSTICE JACOBS: "Exactly what did it establish?"

VOLPE: "One of the conspirators used it."

ANOTHER JUSTICE: "Which one?"

VOLPE: "We don't know."

JUSTICE HEHER: "You can't whittle away presumption of innocence by conjecture, can you?"

THE DOCTOR "VEERED": Concerning Negro physician J. Minor Sullivan III's testimony (on which three "confessions" were thrown out) that several of the defendants seemed under the influence of drugs when they signed them, Volpe said it had "veered from the truth." Well, had anything been done about perjury? No, said Volpe—more than a year later—but

". . . we're going to present it to the grand jury."

("A vengeful, racist attack," said N.J. Civil Rights Congress director Lewis Moroze last week of this statement.)

Volpe insisted the state had never

MARIO VOLPE
He had a hard time

contended that the murder was committed by Wilson and McKinley Forrest (freed):

"All we did was produce what evidence we had."

A JUSTICE: "Was the state contending, then, that it was conceivable the jury thought English and Cooper had done the killing?"

VOLPE: "That must have been the jury's conclusion."

JUSTICE WALCHENFELD: "Don't you have to agree that the jury was mistaken?"

VOLPE: "No, sir."

YES—AND NO: How then could he explain the verdict, since the only evidence—that contained in the "confessions"—named only Forrest and Wilson as the killers? It was "correct as to two," Volpe said, and "incorrect as to four"; the acquittal of the four was "a miscarriage of justice."

All the justices took him on at this point. When he said he could not explain what went on in the jury's mind, a justice informed him:

"It's our duty to examine the jury's verdict and find out if it was lawful."

VOLPE: "Undoubtedly, perhaps."

After this classic retort, Pellettieri declined his allotted rebuttal time. "The case will be considered in conference," said Chief Justice Vanderbilt. A decision will be handed down in 30 days.

War still hot potato; 'Hissism' stressed

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other Stevenson supporter: former Amer. Legion Commdr. and Sen. Russell's "political confidant" (**NYT**, 9/30) Erle Cocke who attended the Mississippi Democratic convention "in behalf of Gov Stevenson's campaign headquarters" (**NYT**, 8/19). Cocke supports the MacArthur formula: bomb China, use Chiang's troops, blockade Chinese ports, rearm Japan, Germany, Austria. While commander, Cocke had his representative award the Legion's Medal of Merit to Franco for "his valiant fight against communism." Also in Stevenson's militarist wing are three other ex-Legion commanders, Charles Ralls, Carl J. Schoeninger and Paul Wollman.

DEE IF NOT DUM: In a campaign featuring evidence of widespread corruption on all sides, the latest revelation came from columnist Drew Pearson, who reported:

McCarthy also had a strange habit of deducting from his income-tax returns disproportionate contributions to charities, one of them to a Catholic charity in far-away Burma which actually did not exist.

Pollsters, smarting from '48's wrong guesses, were cautious; they almost unanimously gave the edge to Eisenhower, though crediting Stevenson with mounting strength at the end. None would make a flat prediction. **U. S. News** (10/24) said Ike was favored if the war issue was paramount, Stevenson if economic factors counted more. It published elaborate charts showing that if Ike doesn't win, Stevenson will.

Negroes face acute voting dilemma

WOOING of the Negro vote and press by major parties became ardent in the campaign's final stretch.

To the Pittsburgh **Courier**, which last week gave its support to Eisenhower, came the windfall of a 12-page paid political supplement detailing Sparkman's record and speeches, listing Alabama's 62 "legal lynchings" since 1948. The **Afro-American**, which announced for Stevenson, got five pages of political advertising linking Stevenson to Roosevelt but failing to mention Sparkman.

The Hat Worker, New York

What comes of hiring non-union painters.

The **Courier's** election coverage, however, included pictures of ALP candidates and an article by Mrs. Bass. **Courier** columnist P. L. Prattis quoted extensively from a letter written by Dr. W. H. Miller of Boston, described by Prattis as "about as far from being a radical as Herbert Hoover," who summed up both old parties as "anathema so far as Negroes are concerned" and concluded:

The Progressive Party is a threat and an ominous challenge to the worn-out, sophisticated, bigoted major parties of today. If Negroes voted for other parties, such an act would deliver us at once from the Demo-Republican bag, assert our thoughtfulness, independence, freedom and courage. It would demonstrate our disgust and weariness because of the denial of citizenship rights in a democracy. It would demonstrate the collective potency of Negro voting strength and establish it as a factor not to be regarded lightly. Even though the Progressives would lose, the Negro will still fare better in the interim. Republicans or Democrats would be bound to give more for at least four years, fearing that if they didn't, 1956 would see the downfall of both. . . .

Remember too that it was not the conscious good-will of the Democrats that gave Negroes some gains. It was unremitting pressure from within plus some from without—wars—that aided our cause.

Prattis asked his readers

. . . how you are reasoning yourself out of the dilemma in which most Negroes find themselves.

Korea: 28 months of war

U. S Forces	Casualties	Dead
Reported as of July 11, 1951 (truce talks began)	70,626	13,176
Reported last week (as of Oct. 17)	122,117	21,377
Increase since talks began	51,491	8,201
Increase during last week's talks	960	144

PROGRESSIVE PARTY

Bianchi, Medina win broad N. Y. support

THE big press, which reported the campaign as if the PP were out of existence, last week—cautiously and at the tag end of pre-election surveys—noted it as a factor, sometimes a key one. Said the AP survey:

In ordinarily Democratic New York City, where Mr. Hallinan now is expected to pull a considerably larger vote than was indicated in the first survey, there are signs that Gen. Eisenhower might feel this impact as much as Gov. Stevenson, or even a bit more.

In New York, with the Hallinan-Bass ticket and the vote for Corliss Lamont for Senator expected to register a high point in progressive strength, there are at least two local fronts where progressives last week were given a fighting chance at victory. Both are in East Harlem, where Wm. J. Bianchi is running for reelection to the State Senate from the 22d SD, and Manuel Medina for Assemblyman from the 14th AD.

MORE HELP NEEDED: Sen. Bianchi's Albany record (he led the fight in the N. Y. Legislature for housing and increased unemployment compensation; against fare and tax rises, nightstick rule for Negroes and Puerto Ricans and discrimination in housing projects) has won backing in all camps. The GOP machine denied him their designation, but in the primary Biachi rallied substantial rank-and-filé GOP support.

Last week the 6th AD's Vessillo Democratic Club endorsed him, offered full support. But the bulk of the canvassers needed in the last few days before election must come from the ALP Bianchi headquarters: 16th AD ALP Club, 241 East 166 St.

Within Bianchi's district lies Manuel Medina's 14th AD. Medina went to school with the best political teacher in the business: for 10 years he was Vito Marcantonio's secretary. He came to know his neighborhood inside out, took leadership in his own right among the city's Negro and Puerto Rican people. Behind him are a good many of the voters who backed Marc, but victory depends on last-minute doorbell ringing. (headquarters: 29 East 114th St.)

PENNSYLVANIA: Philadelphia bell-ringers were concentrating on the 4th CD where PP's David P. Widamen was making a strong bid for Congress; he is the only Negro on any Congressional slate in any Pennsylvania district. The 4th is predominantly Negro. Widamen is well-known, a tough campaigner, peace fighter, trade unionist, war veteran. (PP address: 1215 Walnut St. Tel: KI 5-3713.)

NOTHING so stamps the two old parties as their tour of the South where they appealed for the Dixiecrat vote and contemptuously ignored the hope of the Negro people. Both waved the Confederate flag, and clasped hands with the Dixiecrats once again—as their predecessors clasped hands with the ex-Confederates in the infamous and sinful coalition of 1877 which upset reconstruction, deprived the Negro and the poor white of the right to vote, lost the victory won in the Civil War and placed the Republican, Rutherford B. Hayes, in the White House.

MRS. CHARLOTTA A. BASS,
Madison Sq. Garden, Oct. 27.

The struggle is OURS

IN 1920 just after I had returned from the Navy I felt I could not vote for evil against evil. I believed with James Russell Lowell that they "enslave their children's children who make compromise with sin." I could not vote for a party of the Palmer red raids—of intervention in Nicaragua and Mexico and massive intervention in Siberia—nor could I vote for the Republican Party waiting in the wings. I cast my first vote for a man in prison: Eugene V. Debs.

Now after more than 30 years I find myself contending for public office and the situation is strangely parallel. The army is not in Siberia but in Korea. The incipient imperialism then confined to the Caribbean has now extended itself all over the world. At home there is a new reign of terror and in the wings waiting to take over is the same warlike reactionary force.

When I was a young man I used to collect arms to send to the Irish rebels so they could expel the British Empire. After a bitter struggle Ireland became a free nation. One slogan impressed me most about their struggle. It is the one we must now embrace, if we are to arrest the destruction of the America we love. The slogan the Irish used was: "We shall not leave the struggle to our children."

VINCENT HALLINAN,
Madison Sq. Garden, Oct. 27.

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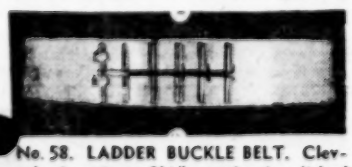

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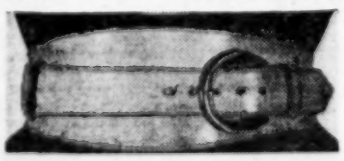

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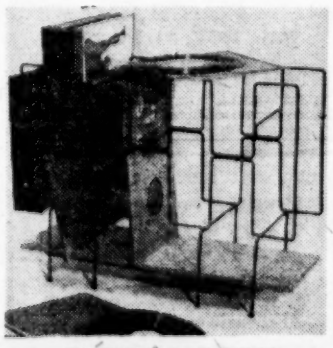

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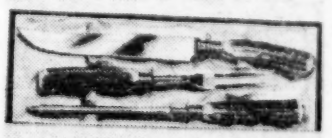

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CHARLIE CHAPLIN'S "LIMELIGHT"

An ode to the beauty of living

By Cedric Belfrage

IN the journey to the end of the night on which America has embarked, enrichments for the soul are few. So much the more precious is a new Chaplin movie. If anyone gives proof through the night that the flag is still there, it is this child of an old-world slum who took the Statue of Liberty at her word; who achieved from here the widest fame ever possessed by any man in his own lifetime; and who remains to the end a world citizen—laughing at all the rich everywhere, laughing and suffering with all the poor everywhere—incurably alien to the stuffed-shirtism that makes idols of designs on squares of bunting.

It is for being that kind of an "alien" that an obscure Washington balloon by the name of McGranery has marked Chaplin for "investigation" as to his worthiness to inhabit the land of McCarran and McCarthy. Comes now Chaplin's answer in a strip of celluloid that engaged all his creative genius through three years of America's encircling gloom of decay, symbol- and death-worship. It is a shout of reaffirmation of life as a thing of beauty, as an art and end in itself.

FATE & KIPPERED HERRINGS: Would we feel such uncritical veneration for Chaplin if American cultural standards had not fallen into such putrefaction? Perhaps not; but standards would have to be hauled out of the boneyard and re-enunciated before this work of a mature artist, not bogged in a sunkist swimming-pool but retaining warm co-citizenship with all the human race, could be soberly judged.

The film runs nearly 2½ hours; and you are likely to come from it wondering how soon you can get around to seeing it again. The materials from

CHARLIE CHAPLIN
. . . a circus without balloons

which Chaplin has created a truly life-like inter-weaving of tragedy and comedy, of joy rising out of despair, are crudely simple: a pair of kippered herrings— the "stranger-than-fiction" accidents of human encounter—pants put to press beneath a mattress—a smell in the rooming-house hallway that might be something you brought in on the sole of your shoe or a gas stove turned on by a suicidal neighbor.

THE IMMORTAL GIFT: Opportunities for descent into slick-magazine banality present themselves in every scene; Chaplin is not afraid to walk near the precipice, merely bypasses it as life does. From his simple ingredients he distils a summing-up of much that his own 63 years have taught him about the world and its people. The many vanities and weaknesses of the faded music-hall star, Calvero, whom Chaplin portrays without make-up, are as it were purged and transcended by his passion for life rooted in experience of the best and the worst it can give; by his faith in the worth of human beings and in the immortality of the race. Drinking the dregs of his own superannuation, Calvero completes himself before he dies by his gifts to a despairing young girl: first, of life when she has chosen death, then of his stored wisdom and courage.

Thus Chaplin asserts his faith that while man is on the one hand an absurd creature, there is at the same time a latent divinity in him which goes forward and cannot be defeated. He asserts it dually: in the story told on the screen, and in his own breathing as producer-director of the spark of genius into Claire Bloom, his enchanting "discovery" to whom this one performance must open the dizziest doors in her profession.

THE SUBVERSIVE DERBY: Such a completely positive film, such a profound antidote (in spite of its "tragic" ending) to the epidemic of cynical frustration without which cold and hot wars are doomed, is subversive in the noblest sense of the word, even as is Chaplin himself in spite of his many political confusions. (It is only now, in the atmosphere of this Trumanized America, that we realize how constructively subversive he has always been.) To those unable or unwilling to identify the nature of **Limelight's** subversiveness but conscious that it is their enemy, the film is easily vulnerable on the score of "immorality"—because, being so near to life, it is so moral.

As for the man upon whose 40 years of creation it places a climactic halo, Washington's would-be warriors against humanity are unable in their arrogance to see what supreme asses they will make of themselves before the world if they submit him—the beloved little man in the derby and baggy pants, the one American, and so essentially American, artistic genius of our age—to their inquisition.

THE LAST LAUGH: If **Limelight,** like **Monsieur Verdoux,** is hounded by Hearstlings off American screens, the rest of the world will see it and draw their conclusions. If the inquisitors go ahead and submit Chaplin to their gibberish, the shame will be on them, the tragedy all theirs.

For Chaplin it will, of course, be tragically painful; but there will be an olympian comedy, which he at least will appreciate, in this "trial scene" symbolizing, more appropriately than anything even his imagination could conjure up, the extent to which cold-war America is reading itself out of the civilized community.

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'Sack him and let us have him'

FROM Tories to Communists, the people of Charlie Chaplin's native England gave him a royal welcome after learning of U.S. Atty. Gen. McGranery's announcement, while the comedian was on shipboard, that he will be "investigated" along with racketeer Frank Costello and other foreign-born. Said McGranery:

". . . When he seeks to reenter this country, he will be required to show, as does every alien seeking original entry, that he is admissable under our immigration laws. This should be a salutary lesson to the youth of our land who are striving to determine for themselves what it means to be a citizen."

Chaplin, who has lived 40 years in the U.S. as a British citizen and left on a six-month European visit with a regular re-entry permit, was said by McGranery to have been "charged with being a member of the Communist Party," with a "leering, sneering attitude" toward the U.S. and with showing "utter contemptible regard for the high estate of womanhood."

"LET US HAVE HIM": London **Daily Herald** (Labour) movie critic Paul Holt reported (9/23) that Chaplin seemed nervous when he "faced a fierce horde of French, American and British newsmen" at Cherbourg, but

". . . then a queer thing happened. A London journalist began to clap and slowly we all joined in. . . . Then his tensed, grim expression broke. He grinned, began to gesticulate.

The N.Y. **Herald Tribune's** Gaston Coblentz wrote (9/24):

Chaplin was lionized by the greater part of the British press and was receiving almost unqualified sympathy in his difficulties with the Justice Dept.

These were some British comments:

I write as a Tory and a friend of America. . . . May Mr. Chaplin—to the delight of Sen. McCarthy—be the finest and supreme example of the victim of the witch-hunt, even if it was only on the ground that he was always the Under-Dog Fancier! . . . Sack him, Mr. McGranery. Sack him; and let us have him. . . . We want him for strict reasons of personal pride. (Lionel Hale in News Chronicle, 9/22).

This is really too much to stomach from the Big Brother of Democracy. [Charges of communism against Chaplin are] laughable. . . . He is not even a good Socialist. (The People, Labour, 9/21).

Chaplin has been the whipping boy for the hordes of little men who fear and envy the great. (Sun. Graphic, Tory, 9/21).

Has he some strange power which makes it necessary for the American Government to act furtively against him? . . . He has [a] power which frightens Americans more than any amount of money . . . the power of an artist who has made his "voice" (even when it was silent) heard all over the world, transcending all barriers until some were deliberately built against him in Italy and Germany during their Fascist periods. (Manch. Guardian, 9/23).

"I BELIEVE IN LIBERTY": To the British press, Chaplin defined his politics and his work as an artist in this way:

"I am an individualist and believe in liberty—that's all I believe in. I am not a superpatriot in any sense. I don't believe in super-patriotism. It leads to Hitlerism." (Daily Graphic, 9/23).

"I make films to please people, create beauty and good feeling, kindness, generosity and tolerance." (Dly Telegraph, 9/23).

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